

d.) Remarks

Claim 1 has been amended in order to recite the present invention with the specificity required by statute. The subject matter of the amendment may be found at original claims 4-6. Accordingly, no new matter has been added.

The Examiner has objected to the drawings and specification for the formal reasons noted at pages 2-5 of the Office Action. As to the comments at page 2 of the Office Action, the noted reference numbers are correct and not used improperly since one number has not been utilized to designate different items. Accordingly, no action has been taken. As to the comments at page 3 of the Office Action, specification page 17 has been amended to refer to Figs. 3 and 4. As to pages 4-5, a new Abstract is provided, the specification corrected as requested by the Examiner, and claims 1 and 9 amended (and claims 4 and 5 cancelled) to address the Examiner's concerns. Regarding the parentheticals, such have been deleted to reduce the issues, although they do not at all suggest the "limitations are optional" (*see Janssen Pharmaceutica v. Eon Labs Mfg.*, 134 Fed. Appx. 425 (Fed. Cir 2005)).

As to the Examiner's objections to the specification noted at page 5 of the Office Action, attention is respectfully invited to page 15, lines 21-30.

Claims 1-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The Examiner's points raised in support of this rejection are all attended to by the foregoing amendment. The term "micro" has not, however, been changed since it is both idiomatic and well-understood in this art as evidenced by the art cited by the Examiner.

Claims 1 and 4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by Hingsen-Gehrmann (U.S. Publication No. 2002/0142121) and claims 2 and 3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over Hingsen-Gehrmann, in view of Mimura (WO 02/103629). Additionally, claim 5 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being obvious over Hingsen-Gehrmann in view of Yamamoto (U.S. Publication No. 2002/0036359), claim 6 is rejected over Hingsen-Gehrmann in view of Yamamoto and Shimizu (JP 10-055147), and claims 7-9 are rejected over Hingsen-Gehrmann, Yamamoto and Shimizu, in view of Mimura.

This rejection is respectfully traversed. As the Examiner is well-aware, Shimizu discloses a large-sized display unit provided for a traffic sign. None of the cited art teaches or suggest to providing a theft preventative number plate as recited in the pending claims.

Moreover, Applicant's dependent claims recite separately patentable and unobvious subject matter in their own right. For instance, none of the cited art teaches or suggest that a display device

wherein a portion of the specular reflective layer that overlaps with a portion of the light-reflective resin sheet on which the active or passive type RFID device equipped with a communication antenna is installed, is removed

as recited in claim 8, or a display device

wherein the specular reflective layer is installed within a portion of the light-reflective resin sheet forming said RFID device equipped with a communication antenna, and when the display device is peeled off from the installation substrate, the specular reflective layer is broken and loses its antenna function

as recited in claim 9.

Lastly, claims 1, 2, 4 and 5 are provisionally rejected over copending Application No. 10/569,869. This provisional rejection is overcome by the foregoing amendment.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that all of the Examiner's concerns are now overcome and the claims are now in allowable condition. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of this application is earnestly solicited.

Claims 1-3 and 7-9 remain presented for continued prosecution.

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